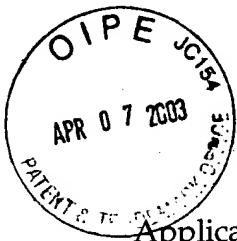


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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on October 8, 2002, Applicants offer the following amendment and remarks.

Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows.

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